[English]

Chairman and Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd.

4419. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item, appearing "JANSATTA" of December 2, 1991 about the alleged corruption charges against the Chairman and Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Ltd;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any enquiry is proposed to be conducted into the matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) to (d). Government had earlier received the allegations contained in the news-items published in the 'JANSATTA' of 2.12.91 and enquired into them. Action on some of them is under process.

Disease in Bee-Hives

4420. SHRI K. MURALEE DHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that bee-hives are empty due to a severe disease known as "European Foul Brod"; and

(b) the steps proposed for abatement of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN) (a) The disease "European Foul Brood" was noticed for the first time in Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra in 1970 and then it spread to Castle Rock in the State of Karnataka, Recently a survey by KVIC has revealed that certain parts of Kerala have been affected by the above disease.

(b) This disease can be cured by the use of terramycin given through sugar syrup and it is found to be the most effective medicine for the purpose. The disease can be further contained by taking the following steps:

(i) Uniting the weak colonies to augment strength.

(ii) Proper care during dearth, like feeding the colonies with artificial sugar syrup or migration of colonies to rich forage areas, etc.

(iii) Dequeening for a few days following by requeening with healthy queen, thus giving an opportunity to the bees to clean their colonies.

(iv) Isolation of infected colonies.

(v) Restrictions on exchange of combs or equipment.

(vi) Bees should not be fed or exposed to honey in the raw form.

(vii) For feeding the honey from diseased colonies to the bees of other colonies it is necessary that it should be properly heated for atleast thirty minutes in water bath at 90 Deg.C.

(viii) Sterilising the equipment by using formalin or carbolic acid (phenol) and drying them before use.

(ix) Restrictions on indiscrete movement of colonies from affected areas to other parts.

(x) Check on Robbing, Drifting, etc. by

spreading the colonies properly and feeding them timely and properly.

Closure/merger of Heavy Engineering Corporation

4421. SHRI Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to close Heavy Engineering Corporation or to merge it with the Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Consultation Regarding Finalisation of Eighth Plan

4422. SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has completed the consultations with the State Governments about the strategy and the programmes of Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether in the process of finalisation of the Eighth Five Year Plan, suggestions have also been invited from some specialised organisations and institutions functioning in our country in the field of economics, industries and development;

(c) whether the Planning Commission is considering to give greater priority and financial allocation for the development of science and technology in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In the process of the preparation of the Plan, there is interaction with organisations in different fields. The objectives, thrust and macro-economic dimensions of the 8th Plan would be considered by the National Development Council (NDC) at the meeting scheduled for 23rd and 24th December, 1991 and in the light of its directions the 8th Plan will be prepared.

(c) and (d). Planning Commission accords priority for the promotion of Science & Technology. As regards the financial allocations, the Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

Publications by Survey of India on Assam and Gujarat

4423. SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of publications brought out by the Survey of India on Assam and Gujarat;

(b) whether revised editions of the political maps of India as well as the States of Assam and Gujarat have recently been published by the Survey of India; if so, when and the details thereof including their selling price and places of availability;

(c) the details of city/tourist maps brought out by the Survey of India on the various cities/towns in Assam and Gujarat; and

(d) whether the Government propose to publish a city map of Dibrugarh, the second most important town of Assam; if so, by when; and